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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC	Templin Troop Training Grounds		25X1
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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REMARKS	This is UNEVALUATED Information		25X1
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1. On 29 November and 3 December 1954, the following tanks and armored vehicles were seen in the Templin area: 25X1
- 29 November. At about 1100, 5 JS-3 tanks [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] which came from the direction of Roeddelin and proceeded toward Vogelsang. All tanks carried canvas-covered baggage in the rear. 25X1
- 3 December. At about 0930, 8 SP guns with JS chassis [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] and T-34 tank [redacted] which came from the Hammelspring railroad station and went toward Abbau zu Hammelspring and 5 trucks with approximately 75 soldiers which proceeded toward Storkow. Truck [redacted] was seen. 25X1
- At about 1000, 3 four-wheel armored personnel carriers [redacted] on the two front doors which passed through Storkow. The vehicles came from the direction of Vogelsang and proceeded toward Grunewald. Each vehicle was occupied by 8 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and steel helmets and carrying small arms. 25X1
2. Between 27 November and 6 December, the following columns were seen in the Templin area: 25X1
- 27 November. At about 1245, trucks [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] towing 4 x 122-mm field howitzers and occupied by approximately 60 soldiers, which passed through Templin and truck [redacted] with field kitchen which proceeded toward Vogelsang. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
- 30 November. At about 1330, sedan [redacted] approximately 15 trucks with approximately 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and steel helmets and carrying small arms, and 2 field kitchens which left Vietmannsdorf toward Gross Doelln. 25X1
- 6 December. At about 0800, 6 four-wheel armored personnel carriers each towing a 76-mm field gun and occupied by 8 soldiers and truck [redacted] with field kitchen, which came from the direction of Templin and proceeded toward Vietmannsdorf. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets. The motor vehicles appeared to be new. 25X1

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At about 0815, 6 trucks [redacted] towing 6 x 122-mm field howitzers and carrying approximately 90 soldiers which entered the Hammelspring training grounds. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets and steel helmets and carried small arms.

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3. Artillery firing was observed on 29 November and 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10 December. Individual reports were heard on all days mentioned, except for 10 December. Between 0830 and 1300 on that day, firing was intensive. Between 1310 and 1340, reports were heard from the Kurtschlag area.
4. Between 30 November and 6 December, the following shipments were observed at the Templin railroad station:

30 November. Ammunition boxes were unloaded from 3 boxcars and were shipped toward Vogelsang on trucks [redacted]

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1 December. At about 1000, 5 JS-3 tanks [redacted] and 3 T-34 tanks [redacted] were ready for entraining. According to the tank tracks, the tanks had come from the direction of Vogelsang. Truck [redacted] continually carried baggage to the station from the direction of Vogelsang. At about 1700, the entrained unit was observed on a freight train which was headed northeast either to Eberswalde or Prenzlau. The train included 2 boxcars with personnel.

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6 December. At about 1400, 3 JS-3 tanks [redacted] T-34/85 tank [redacted] were entrained. At about 1630, 6 trucks were attached to the shipment.<sup>1</sup>

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5. On 10 December, sedans [redacted] were seen in front of the Templin railroad station. A general and 5 to 6 officers including 2 officers with tank insignia were seen in a waiting room which was off limits to civilians. At about 1015, approximately 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and tank insignia arrived in Templin from the direction of Vogelsang. The soldiers carried field packs and small arms covered with tarpaulins. At about 1230, a train of 1 coach, approximately 20 boxcars, 1 flatcar with 2 field kitchens in operation and 1 gondola car with briquettes was shunted into the station. At about 1430, the shipment had left.<sup>2</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. Firing and other practices, as well as loadings, continued. [redacted] The practices probably involved units of the 25th Tank Div, or, possibly, the 6th Gds Mech Div from Eberswalde or Bernau.

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2. [redacted] Comment. It is believed that the general who was observed in the waiting room, left Templin with the train on 10 December. The equipment of the soldiers is somewhat unusual.

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